Honest Substitute Is Hard to Find

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Presidential advisers have uncovered formidable problems in seeking an above-the-table substitute for secret dealings by the Central Intelligence Agency in subsidizing American activities abroad.

The supersecret intelligence-gathering agency is supposedly out of the business of subsidizing private groups — on presidential orders.

Disclosure that the CIA was financing some overseas activities of the National Students Association at international youthconferences created an uproar in Congress, in colleges andin public debate early this year.

UNIONS TOO

It was revealed that CIA money had also gone to labor unions and other organizations. The funds passed through foundations without the CIA being revealed as the source, most recipients reported.

While the search for another source of funds to replace the secret flow from the CIA isn't proving easy, the opinion of some of the 18 presidential advisory committee members who will comment is that the road blocks aren't insurmountable.

Among the proposals the committee is considering is designation of the Smithsonian Institution as a source of funds for American groups attending functions abroad. Another idea is to create a special panel or commission to do it.

JOB FOR PANEL

One member of the advisory committee will propose that a panel of citzens from private and public life take over the allotment of subsidies.

He said the panel would have to include members of unassailable reputation for integrity, honesty and fair dealing. They also have to be knowledgeable in world affairs so their judgments would be respected, he said.